

Ethics Board

Memo July 20th 2017

Decision to Not Utilize Emeritus Steering Committee for Freshman Elections

Dear Temple Student Government Senior Leadership Team,

Recently, Temple Student Government President, Tyrell Mann-Barnes, requested that Elections Commissioner, Matthew Diamond, submit the Elections Code that will be utilized during the upcoming Freshman Parliament Elections to the Emeritus Steering Committee. The Ethics Board has determined to not take this course of action for various reasons, as outlined in this Memo.

Firstly, there is a level of speed we must maintain to ensure the Elections function well and Parliament is able to run smoothly. Due to this need for speed we believe it is best for the code to not go to the Emeritus Steering Committee. Parliamentarian, Jacob Kurtz, has been working with said committee to approve two candidates into vacant Parliamentary seats. Although the majority of the committee has been incredibly helpful and responded quickly, some of its members have been difficult to work with and the committee has moved incredibly slowly. By putting the Elections Code up for a vote via that committee we may have to potentially delay the election and in turn Parliament trainings and necessary sessions. These delays would negatively impact Temple Student Government's ability to best serve and represent its constituents.

In our original outline for the Freshman Elections, which can be found in the May 4th Memo, under the "Notes" section it was made clear this election would be held utilizing the previous year's Elections Code as long as it received approval from all three members of the Ethics Board, which it has. This was done to help expedite the process and also to ensure that the Elections Committee, newly elected Parliament and new Steering Committee will have the ability to take part informing the upcoming Elections Code.

It is these two reasons mainly that we as the Ethics Board will be conducting this upcoming Freshman Election by utilizing the previous year's Elections Code. We look forward to continued collaboration with all of you as we publicize the application and encourage students to get involved.